

Newark High School Alumni Association

Annual Meeting

Monday, October 2, 2017

Attending: Don Shackleton '75, Margie Masino '67, Pat Mroz '68
John Barba '69, Denise Levering '72, Debbie Lindell '74, Sara McDowell 2012,
Mary Lou McDowell '80, Betsy Lambert '67, Pat Walker '66, Gail Russell '70,
Gail Chickersky '67

Proxies received from: William Russell, Robert Russell '68, Lillian Green, Ursula McCullough '85

Meeting called to Order by President Mary Lou Thomas McDowell at 6:55:

108 Amherst Drive, Newark, DE 19711

Minutes from April 2017

Minutes approved as written on a motion from John, seconded by Don. No discussion.

Treasurer's Report (John Barba):

10.1.2016	Beginning balance		12,369.56
	Income	Amount	
	Anne Groo*	50.00	
	Connie Prettyman*	20.00	
	Rosemary Steve	25.00	
	Sale Ceramic Plate	50.00	
	Sale KRAWEN	10.00	
	Sales Decals, Metal Plates	111.00	
	Country Club Fall	2,438.00	
	Deer Park Spring	920.50	
	Lutz*	19,995.00	

	Sullivan	500.00	
	Classes of 66-67-68	2,500.00	
			26,619.50
	Expenses		
	USPS box rent	132.00	
	2017 KRAWEN ad	50.00	
	Scholarship Payments		
	Carmichael	1,000.00	
	Franklin	1,000.00	
			2,182.00
9.20.2017	ENDING BALANCE		36,807.06

Committed Scholarships		
Lutz Scholarship	20,065.00	
66-67-68	5,620.00	
Sullivan	500.00	
NHSAA	1,000.00	
		27,185.00

Available for operations	9,622.06
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John has shopped for Certificates of Deposit and recommends moving \$10,000 from the Lutz Scholarship into a 5 year CD. Although interest rates are low there does not appear to be a downside on this action. Our nonprofit, no fee checking account would not be impacted. John moved for this action and Sally seconded, no discussion, passed.

All Class Reunions (Pat Walker Mroz):

DATES for next events are: Saturday, November 25, 2017 at the Newark Country Club, Saturday, March 24, 2018 at the Deer Park.

Mary Lou has the contract for the Country Club and will sign and return to Bitsy at the Country Club. Morgan at the Deer Park has the March 24, 2018, booked for us.

Margie volunteered to be the next contact person for our All Class events. Pat has provided her with notes as to the duties and a box of supplies.

Music has been suggested. If Margie wants input on change in reunion process and set up she may call a meeting to discuss ideas. One idea Mary Lou mentioned was a Yellowjacket board with face cut out for taking pictures. Margie thinks she has just the guy for this duty – Rob Wilson '67.

Scholarship Committee: (Gail Hutchison Russell):

Class of 2017 winners of the NHS Alumni Scholarship were Hailey Carmichael and Javar Franklin. Denise Schwartz attended the Senior Awards Assembly in early May to give our congratulations in person.

Each received \$1000 so the Committee did not spend the full \$2500 allowed. There was no clear 3rd place applicant in a scarce year.

Javar Franklin was originally going to Delaware State University but was accepted from the waitlist by the University of Delaware in late July. Thanks to John Barba and Gail Chickersky for assisting in the retrieval and resending of the award money...not a simple task in summer months we discovered.

There were no applicants for the Bedingfield Spirit Award.

The Guidance Office is down one counselor and the 2017-2018 school calendar reflects far fewer activities where we could promote participation in our offerings, existing and new.

Gail C joined me at Career Day in May. We handed out descriptions of our existing awards and summaries of our two new awards, the Davis and Lutz Scholarships. Good discussion with the NHS and state wide Jobs for DE Graduates liasons on the unique Davis award. (James Schulte at NHS, Nichole Poore on the state level) We also got emails from about 20 participants who will be contacted by the committee in early 2018 to remind them of the opportunities.

New Scholarship Progress:

Gail R and Gail C met with Tom Davis regarding his five year commitment to a \$3000 award to assist students headed towards a skilled trade. He has very specific specialties in mind and criteria. Gail R failed to get additional time with NHS faculty in the summer months, but discussion continued just last week. A writing class Tom required for each applicant is no longer part of the curriculum. This is a challenging launch in a school which doesn't serve "the trades" with less staff due to budget cuts. Davis Scholarship may also involve an onsite event to match applicants with skilled career experts. More resources from the Scholarship Committee will be requested to ensure a successful rollout. James Schulte requests applicants be eligible a year after graduation. His scope is Junior Year through one year post graduation. Approved by NHSAA meeting participants.

Gail R also spoke and emailed with BJ Apicella about details on the Kay Lutz Scholarship. It will be \$2000 per year for ten years and targets a female student headed for a sports related career. This could include teaching, sports management, physical training and TBD. BJ composed two short essay questions and is focused on having a monitored session at the high school for applicants to compose and complete the essays. The NHSAA modified this requirement to a phone interview between a Scholarship Committee person and the student; same goal, more manageable. NHSAA meeting attendees are fine with the single gender scholarship requirement given Miss Lutz's career and a precedent for a male only award.

Gail is also looking at posting profiles of past winners (where) to encourage seniors with less than "Top 10%" GPA's to apply.

From the April 2017 meeting notes:

Now that the All Class Reunions are well established there is an accumulation of funds that could easily be designated to NHS Alumni Scholarships. Agreed that this would be voted on during the October annual meeting so that scholarship committee has adequate notice of funds available for 2018 graduation year. At that time the Committed Scholarship memo to the Treasurer's Report would be amended to show the agreed upon amounts.

Proceeds from the 2016-2017 All Class Reunions was \$3,338.50. Expenses of NHSAA for the same period were \$182.00.

Funding for 2018 Class Year:

- Newark High School Alumni Scholarship: On a motion from Gail C, seconded by Deb and passed unanimously; the amount available for scholarship(s) will be increased by \$2,500 for 2018. Total available for 2018 is \$3,500.
- NHS 66-67-68: up to \$1,500
- Lutz: \$2,0000
- Davis: \$3,000
- Bedingfield: \$500

Further agreed in the motion to increase the NHSAA grant: the scholarship committee has discretion on the number and amounts of scholarships awarded for the NHSAA grant and the NHS 66-67-68 grant within the top limits provided.

Walk of Fame (Sally Krapf):

Gail Chickersky and I met with Principle Aaron Selekman at NHS on 9/7/17 to discuss the future of the Walk of Fame. He was very welcoming and we appreciated his input.

Since the new sidewalk has been installed in the front of the high school and the foot path to the flagpole is overgrown with grass we agreed that there is probably not as much traffic on the Walk as before. Aaron said that he doesn't often see students hanging out there except once a year when a religiously affiliated group uses the area. Meeting "at the pole" has been an event since the 1980's.

New grass has been planted at the sidewalk into the main door of the school and it was growing nicely. Aaron was in favor of the Walk of Fame remaining in its current location. Given the absence of an apparent footpath to the flag it seems our worries about damage from groups hanging out has been put to rest.

We also spoke about leaving the Walk as is with no permanent concrete base or mortar between bricks. Most brick walks like this are installed in the same manner.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=el/sal6Qc_94 shows a reinstallation of an existing walkway.

Thinking this might be our plan:

1. Clean up all weeds; spray Round Up.
2. Return following week to remove dirt between flag pole and interior edge of the Walk Way.
3. Return a week later and use tools to clear some of the dirt from between bricks. Take the information about "stone dust" from the youtube video and brush this into the Walk Way. During the same visit spread stone dust in the area between flag pole base and interior edge of the Walk; add decorative small stone & tamp.
4. Hire contractor to install new perimeter edging to hold the exterior edge of the Walk.

Gail C and Margie will tackle the grunt work and let Sally know when the walk is ready for evaluation. I will then meet with a mason to get NHSAA a professional assessment of our proposed plan; contact Jean Toman (Associated Builders and Contractors -- & NHS grad) should work for a recommendation.

Beach Bunch (Kay Lindell):

1st Beach Bunch of the season was held September 21st, Jake's continues in business for the immediate future. We have not lost our Home Base!

Website (Deb Lindell):

Nothing new on the website, however I have made some updates for new events and have some wall of fame content.

Krawens (Gail Chickersky):

Over the years the Alumni Association has accumulated a number of KRAWEN issues through various sources. There have been individual gifts of one or two books; a large influx from Kay Lutz covering her teaching years; extra issues from the KRAWEN office at the high school, etc. And there have been individual sales at All Class Reunions and at my front door.

One of my long-term goals was to get my arms around this ever changing inventory and assure maximum availability for interested parties. Several years ago this meant building up the collection at the Newark History Museum, recently the Newark Free Library agreed to house issues in excellent shape in the "Delaware Room."

Good news! I'm now at a juncture where things are as 'good as it gets' since the Newark Free Library received their collection of 21 books yesterday. Thanks to Mary Lou Thomas McDowell and Monika Schirm Dougherty for helping me along the way.

From here forward I will continue to accept KRAWEN donations. Any books received will be categorized & held or gifted according to the following guidelines.

1. NHSAA inventory
2. Newark History Museum
3. Newark Free Library
4. Held for sale by NHSAA

NHSAA inventory has 55 years of books; missing 18 years. ** (1941 first edition - 2015)

Newark History Museum has 50 years of books.

Newark Free Library has 21 years of books.

There will be 21 individual books representing 13 available years listed for sale on NHSalumni.org ***

** 1941, 1943, 1951, 1957, 1958, 1959, 1962, 1968, 1971, 1974, 1975, 1978, 1979, 1981, 1987, 1988, 1989, 1997

*** 1945, 1946, 1947, 1948, 1949, 1950, 1955, 1956, 1965, 1966, 1982, 1991, 2003

Can a wrestling match with the BUZZ issues be far behind?

Community Day (Gail Chickersky):

Our booth was directly in front of Mitchell Hall and adjacent to the Newark Historical Society. That combination of tables seems to be a nice draw for both organizations &

we benefit from some shared resources such as labor and equipment. For most of the day Mike Dutton and I manned the booth.

As before we benefited from Mike Dutton's generosity by having a solid cart, nice canopy, table & table cover. To that we added some hanging NHS clothing, a board of pictures, decals, business cards, information about Bricks & License Plates, and a ceramic "Bee" plate. Quite a few business cards were distributed and we spent a good deal of discussion time with the All Class Reunions topic & pushing folks to the website.

While not quite as busy as other years we continued to see a steady stream of NHS grads at our table. Thanks for Debbie Thomas and Debbie Wesselman from the Class of 1975 who cover the final 90 minutes of the day. They were having so much fun Lillian Green was free to cruise the event with her grandbaby & not take a shift -- and we certainly thank her for offering!

We made a number of folks happy by offering up some of the extra class composites for free. In addition we sold 2 decals & received a \$1 contribution. So, when Bob McDowell came up behind me at the end & used the line "give me the money" I was a disappointment to him with the offering of \$6.

Aaron Selekman, NHS Principal, made a special stop at the booth to see what was going on and say hello, impressive -- he specifically looked for us!

License Plates (Gail Chickersky):

Only thing on license plates is my discussion with Aaron about NHS1 -- to be followed up in November.

NEW BUSINESS

We are closing in on 10 year reunions for the Class Box project! Boxes for 2008 – 2012 are stored in Gail Chickersky's basement. Mary Lou is still trying to track down a possible Class Box for 2013. The trail may end at 2012. Gail will create a sign of some type to display at the Country Club in November – "in search of the Class of 2008" and also send information to Deb for posting on the website.

Board Members:

President: Mary Lou Thomas McDowell '80 (2019)

Vice President: Deb Lindell '77 (2019)

Recording Secretary: Gail Maclary Chickersky '67 new appointment (2019)

Treasurer: John Barba '69 (2019)

Board Members (Term Expires)

Lillian Todd Green '85 (2019) Don Shackleton '75 (2019)

Margie Masino '67 (2020) Denise Levering '72 (2020)

Mike Dutton '67 (2018) Sarah McDowell '12 (2018)

Slate of board members was accepted as presented on a motion by Gail C, second by John, no discussion.

Final item:

Thanks to Pat Walker Mroz for her efforts over many years. She will be missed at our meetings and we all wish her the best for her relocation to Chicago.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 8:07 on a motion from Gail C with second from Don.

Respectfully submitted,

Gail M Chickersky

Secretary